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Corporate Records Bureau Division of Corporations Department of State Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Gulf Coast Insurance Group, Inc.

Dear Ladies:

Please find enclosed the original and a duplicate copy of the Articles of Incorporation of this proposed corporation and the Acceptance of the Registered Agent.

Will you kindly endorse your approval of the Articles of Incorporation, certify and return same to us at your earliest convenience.

I am enclosing a check payable to your order in the sum of \$78.75 to cover the following:

Filing Fee	35.00
Certified Copy	8.75
Registered Agent Certification	<u>35.00</u>
TOTAL	78 75

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Todt Legal Assistant to

Terence Matthews

#### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

OF

#### GULF COAST INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

## ARTICLE I--NAME and PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND INITIAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THIS CORPORATION

The name of this corporation is GULF COAST INSURANCE GROUP, INC. and its principal place of business is 812 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida, 34221; the initial Director is VICTOR ALVAREZ; the initial President is VICTOR ALVAREZ; the initial Secretary is VICTOR ALVAREZ and the initial Treasurer is VICTOR ALVAREZ.

#### **ARTICLE II--DURATION**

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

#### **ARTICLE III--PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized for the purpose of any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida General Corporation Act.

#### **ARTICLE IV-POWERS**

This corporation shall have all of the corporate powers enumerated in the Florida General Corporation Act.

#### ARTICLE V-CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue 1,000 shares of common stock having a par value of one (1) dollar per share.

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#### **ARTICLE VI-PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS**

Every shareholder shall have the right to purchase his pro-rata share of any new stock of this corporation of the same kind, class or series as that which he already holds at the price at which it is offered to all other stockholders.

#### ARTICLE VII--INITIAL OFFICE AND RESIDENT AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 812 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida, 34221, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is VICTOR ALVAREZ.

#### ARTICLE VIII-MANAGEMENT BY SHAREHOLDERS

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business affairs of this corporation will be managed under the direction of the shareholders of this corporation; the act of stockholders representing the majority of the outstanding shares of the corporation entitled to vote, represented in person or proxy, shall be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy for each share of voting stock held by him. A majority of the outstanding shares of the corporation entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the stockholders for the management of the business of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IX--INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is VICTOR ALVAREZ, 812 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida, 34221.

#### ARTICLE X-BY-LAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal by-laws shall be vested in the shareholders.

#### **ARTICLE XI-INDEMNIFICATION**

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or any former officer to the full extent permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE XII-AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, and any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MANATEE

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Incorporator

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

Pursuant to Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted: that

GULF COAST INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, in the City of Palmetto, County of Manatee, State of Florida, has named VICTOR ALVAREZ, County of Manatee, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.



#### <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</u>

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept such appointment and agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of law relating to keeping said office open.

VICTOR ALVAREZ , Registered Agent